

mality and lack of devotion in all the public religious functions at court.

I did resolve to do what I could towards macking devo-
tion loockt on as it ought, and would fain have it more
serious. The first step I got made towards it was having of
singing -the prayers in the chapel, but I could not make
people mind the Sunday more; that was counted an idle
day and indeed it was made so to me by the company which
came continually on those days to me.¹

One of my grievances was the pomp and stir was observed
at receiving the Sacrament. There was an old custom left
since the time of P[ol]pery, that the kings should receive
almost alone; this had been alwais observed, this I could not
resolve to do, but told the Bishop of London, who I found
unreasonable upon that, and would keep up the foolery, but
at last I got the better, and the King being of my mind, we
resolved to make it a matter of as litle state as possible, yet
there is to much left.²

At Christmas I had the satisfaction to receive the Sacra-
ment at White Hall with the King and as many Lords and
others as would. For I had with much ado gaine that
point to have others receive with us at all times, and not
make it no communion by the foolish formality that had
been observed before.³

Another innovation which pleased her ' and most sober
people ' was afternoon sermons at Whitehall. She used to
write down the text so that she could remember and examine
herself upon it.⁴

In April 1691, while William was in England

for about
three weeks before returning to the campaign
in Flanders,
Mary notes :

The only thing of bussiness I concerned my
self in, was
the filling the bishoppricks which was now
done ; and I am

¹ Ibid. p. 12.

- Ibid. p. 13.

³ Ibid. p. 19,

⁴ Ibid. p. 16.